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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: *Li et al.*
Appl. No.: 09/899,645
Filed: July 5, 2001
For: METHODS FOR REGULATING BETA-OXIDATION IN PLANTS

Group Art Unit: 1638

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
37 CFR § 1.115

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Specification:

Please replace the paragraph that begins at line 5 on page 7 of the specification with the following paragraph:

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Preferably acyl-CoA thioesterase expression is modulated in a plant by transforming the plant or plant cell with at least a portion of an acyl-CoA thioesterase nucleotide sequence. By "acyl-CoA thioesterase nucleotide sequence" is intended any nucleotide sequence of an acyl-CoA thioesterase gene or transcript, including, but not limited, to coding sequences, exons, introns, 5'-regulatory regions, 3'-regulatory regions, 5'-untranslated regions, 3'-untranslated regions and the like. Any acyl-CoA thioesterase nucleotide sequences known in the art may be employed in the methods of the present invention. Preferred acyl-CoA thioesterases nucleotide sequences are those which encode peroxisomal acyl-CoA thioesterases. More preferred acyl-CoA thioesterase nucleotide sequences include the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: